

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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### **Thirty Two Firefighters Prepare to Graduate from Fire Training Academy**

Acting State Fire Marshal Michael Matlick announces that 32 firefighters were preparing to graduate from the Washington State Patrol Fire Training Academy on July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

The Fire Training Academy Recruit School program is a 10 week course that meets all National Fire Protection Association Standards for certification at the Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Operations level. Additionally, these firefighters are recognized by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress for their achievements. Graduating firefighters learn basic fire service principles through classroom instruction, written and practical examinations and rigorous hands-on live fire training.

On May 15, 2006, 32 candidates started the Recruit Class 2006-02. On July 21<sup>st</sup>, all 32 of these candidates will graduate with accreditation and certification of Firefighter 1 and Hazardous Material Operations. This class is composed of 23 career and 9 volunteer firefighters; 26 males and 6 females and represents 17 fire departments. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the Fire Training Academy and starts at 10:00 am.

The following fire departments and districts are represented in the upcoming graduating class:

Anacortes Fire Department	(1)	Kittitas Fire District #2	(1)
Bainbridge Island Fire Department	(1)	North County Fire & EMS	(2)
Clallam County Fire District #3	(1)	Port of Seattle Fire Department	(2)
Clark County Fire District #3	(4)	SeaTac Fire Department	(1)
Cowlitz County Fire & Rescue 2	(1)	Snohomish Fire District #1	(3)
East Pierce Fire & Rescue	(5)	Snohomish Fire District #7	(1)
Edmonds Fire Department	(1)	South King Fire & Rescue	(1)
Ellensburg Fire Department	(1)	Woodinville Fire & Life Safety	(2)
Kirkland Fire Department	(4)		

***The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of fire protection systems and school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data. For additional information you may visit our web page at [www.wsp.wa.gov](http://www.wsp.wa.gov) and then click on State Fire Marshal. For more information on the Fire Training Academy contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (360) 753-0400.***

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